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The central laboratory located on 2 August Rebelstrasse in Oberschlema was subordinated to the main rescue station of Wismut in Oberschlema. The laboratory staff of 11 persons included a Soviet chief, a German chief, the personnel of the dust laboratory, the gas laboratory, and the photographic laboratory.

Wasin (fnu) (phonetic spelling) was Soviet chief of the main rescue station. Filimonov (fnu) was Soviet chief of the central laboratory.

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In January 1954, Filimonov was replaced by Borodin (fnu) for three or four days. Borodin became chief of the mine in Falkenstein. Roif Becker was German laboratory chief.

Damp samples were taken from the mines of Object 2 in Oberschlema-Schneeberg and of Object 9 in Aue. The samples were taken by two samplers by means of Draeger tubes produced by a Luebeck firm, which were gauged to CO, H₂S and NO₂. Efforts to produce these Draeger tubes at the laboratory had failed but were being continued. Special indications were determined in the chemical laboratory after an analysis had been made. The chemical laboratory found that a certain volume percentage and at a prefixed volume of 10 tubes, at a certain coloring would occur. Colored photographs of these colorings were taken. The damp testing was to be accomplished right in the mines by comparing the colored photographs, and the evaluation with samples taken there. There was, however, no proper paper for the colored photographs available. The material received from Agfa-Wolfen was inadequate. Damp conditions in the mines were determined by dispersive.

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